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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] Box 12 is represented by the left-hand rectangle while frame 40 is represented by the right-hand rectangle. The arrangement of the mounting elements 30 of box 12 and mounting elements 48 of frame 40 is such that vertical mounting axes and x_1 and x_2 are defined. The distance between the mounting axes denoted as a_3 is fixed based upon the requirements of components such as cover plates which must be placed over the mounted electrical fixtures as well as the communication fixtures. In order to provide an expanded interior for box 12, mounting axis x_1 of box 12 is positioned closer to common wall 16a than the opposed side wall 16b. Thus, as shown in Figure 5, a_1 is less than b . However, as required by the dictates of, for example, the cover plate, common wall 16b must be equidistant between both mounting axes x_1 and x_2 such that a_1 is equal to a_2 , and $a_1 + a_2 = a_3$. Common wall ~~[[16b]]~~ 16a is defined as being generally equidistant between the mounting axes x_1 and x_2 . However, as may be appreciated, the common wall ~~[[16b]]~~ 16a has a certain thickness. Manufacturing tolerances may be such that due to variations in the thickness of the wall, one surface of the wall may be closer to one of the axes than the other surface is to its adjacent axis. However, absent such manufacturing tolerances, the present invention provides for the common wall to be generally equidistant between the two mounting axes. As used herein throughout, the phrase “generally equal” or “generally or substantially equidistant” takes into consideration such manufacturing tolerances.

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Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] Referring now to Figure 6, the present invention may be practiced in a multi-gang box configuration. A multi-gang box assembly 10' includes an outlet box 12' and frame 40'. Box 12' accommodates two electrical fixtures and is defined by a pair of side walls 16a' and 16b'. As with the embodiment of Figure 5, mounting axes y_1 and y_2 are defined for mounting a pair of electrical fixtures. Frame 40' is defined by the right-hand rectangle outboard of side wall 16a'. A mounting axis y_3 is defined with frame 40. As with the embodiment of Figure 5, side wall ~~[[16a']]~~ 16c' is located substantially equidistant between mounting axes y_1 and y_3 . In order to provide extra capacity for box 12', mounting axis y_2 is positioned so that its distance d_4 from its adjacent side wall 16b' is greater than d_2 , the distance of mounting axis y_1 from its respective side wall 16a'.